

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Whitehaven High School on winning the 2016 TSSAA Division 1 Class 6A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, Whitehaven High School achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2016 season, winning the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division 1 Class 6A State Football Championship, the State's highest level of high school football competition; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; the undefeated Tigers exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, amassing an indomitable 15-0 season record, the team outscored all contenders they faced during an incredible playoff season by a combined score of 168-45 in five games; and

WHEREAS, Whitehaven High School's impressive 12-9 victory over the equally undefeated Oakland High School Patriots in the Blue Cross Bowl on December 3, 2016, in Cookeville, gave Memphis-Shelby County teams their fourth state title of the season; and

WHEREAS, the football players of Whitehaven High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired the school's

student body and united the entire community during their triumphant run through the 2016 season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship football season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, throughout all their many victories, the members of the team have displayed the tenacity, camaraderie, and skill befitting one of the State's finest athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Tigers of Whitehaven High School for serving as exemplars of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the players, coaching staff, and fans of the Whitehaven High School football team on a remarkable season and their state championship victory. In becoming the TSSAA Division 1 Class 6A Champions, the Tigers have proven themselves to be sterling and capable young men who are worthy of this General Assembly's accolades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.